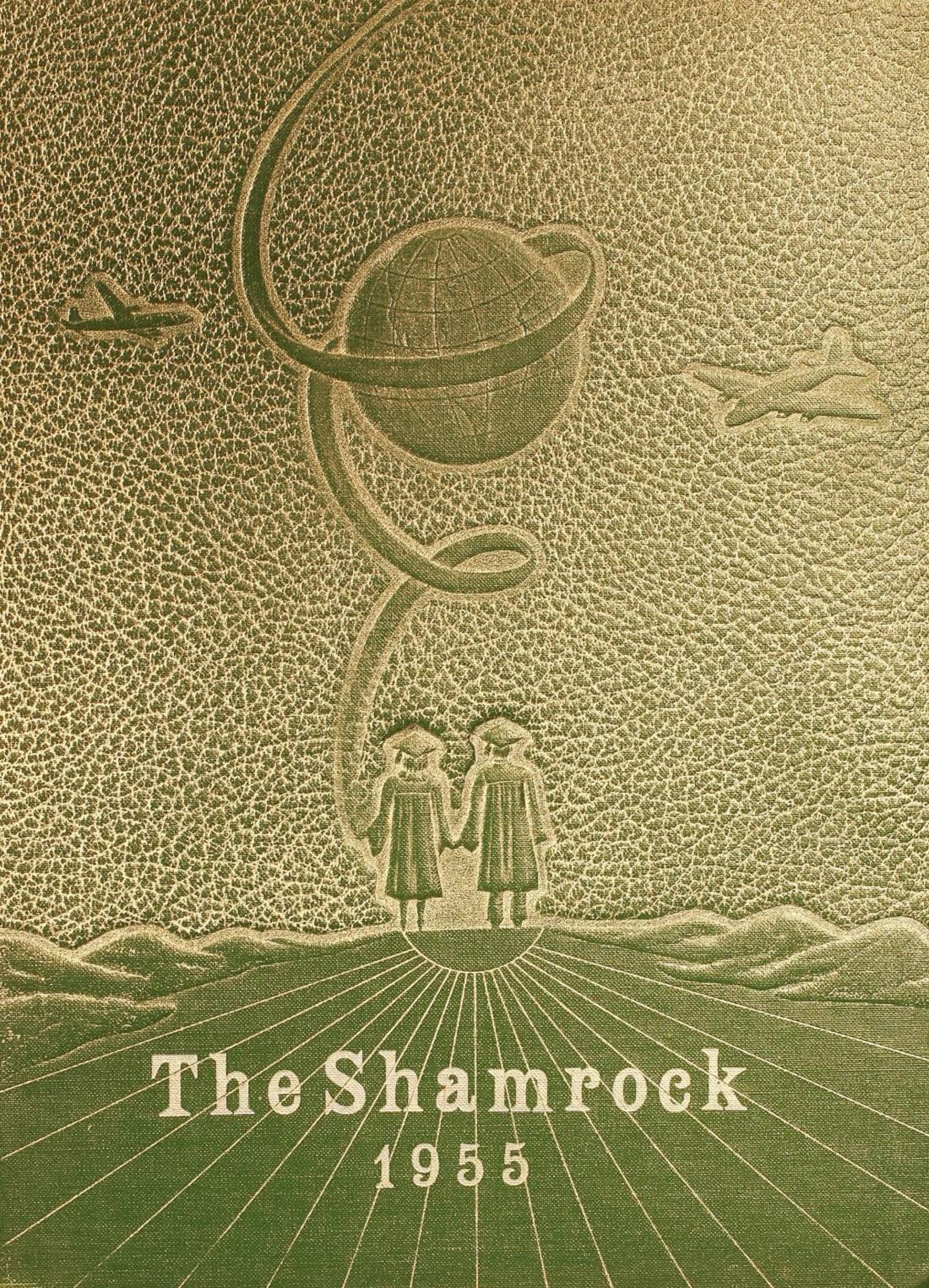


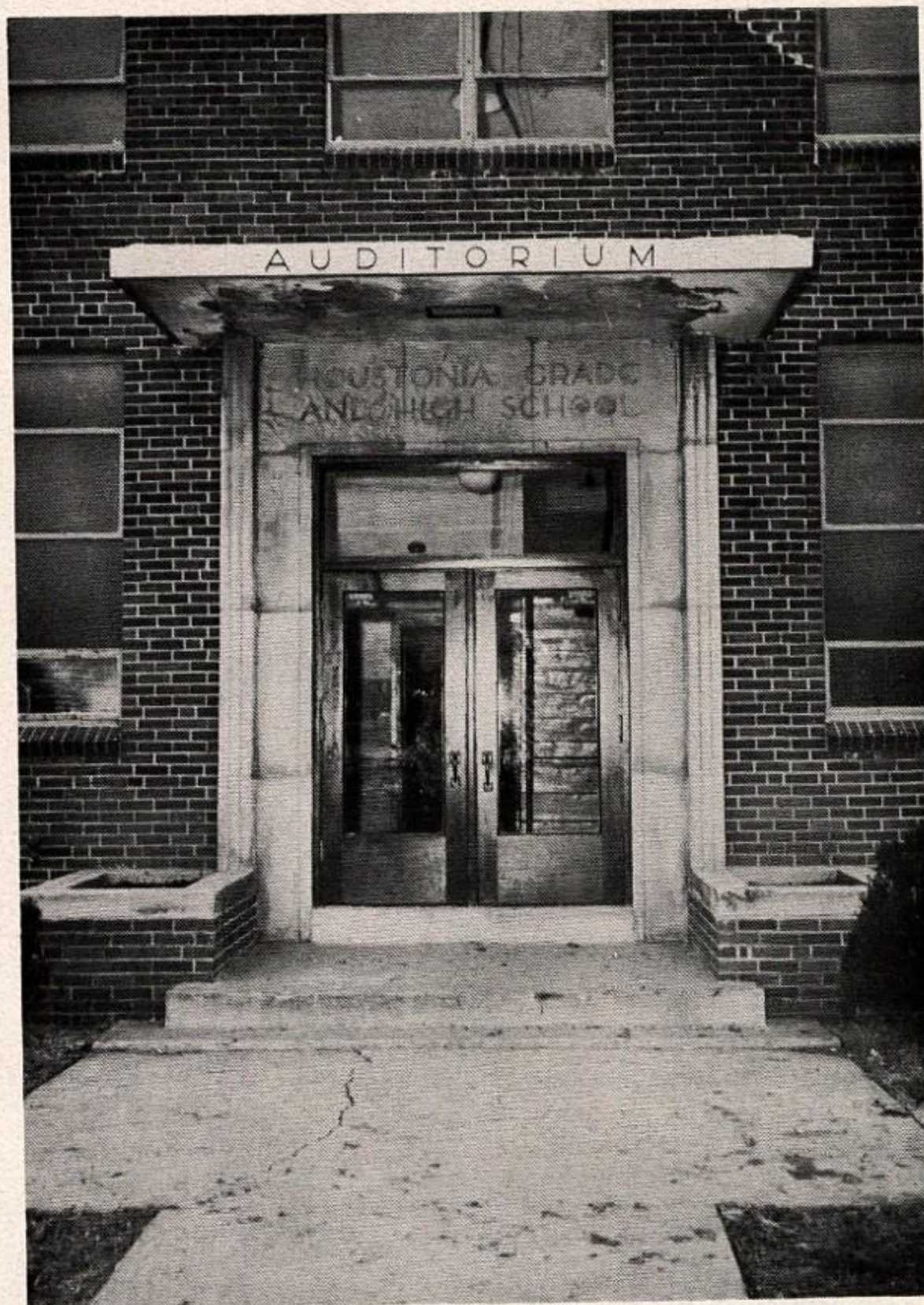


The Shamrock

1955







DEDICATION

The seniors of 1955 desire to express their appreciation to the citizens of the democracy in which they live for providing an opportunity for an education. Therefore, they dedicate this 1955 Shamrock to their parents, teachers, and friends who have opened the door of education for them and future generations to enter.

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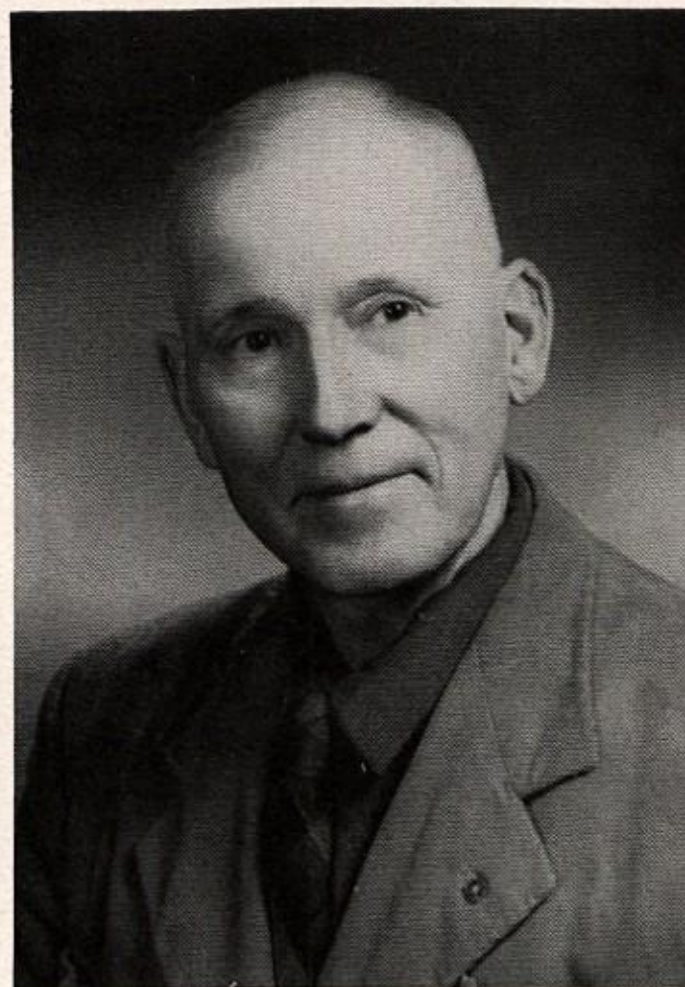
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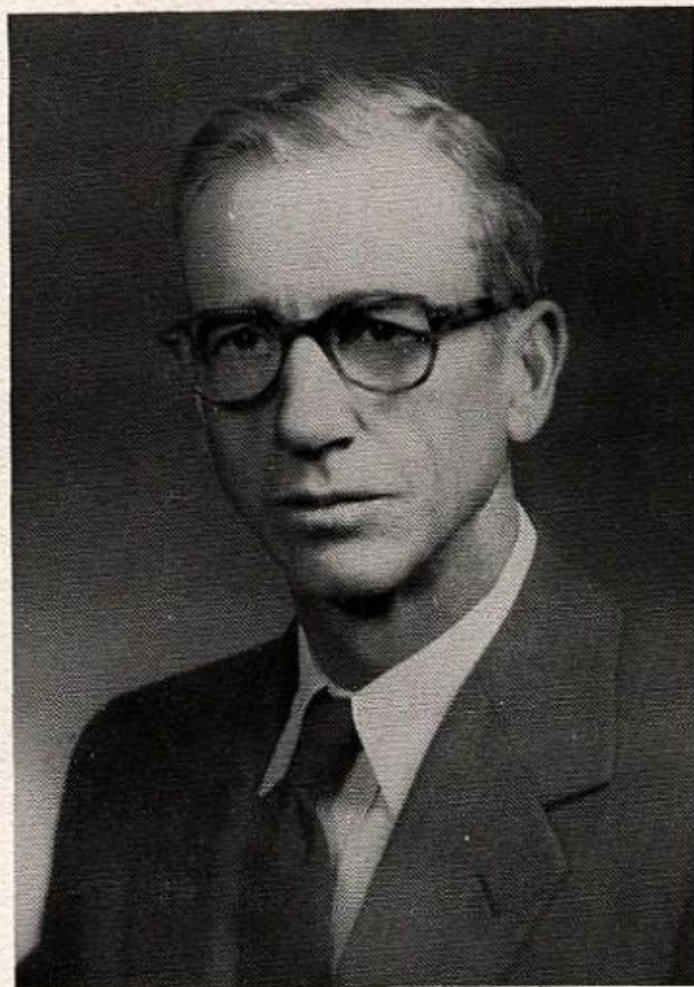
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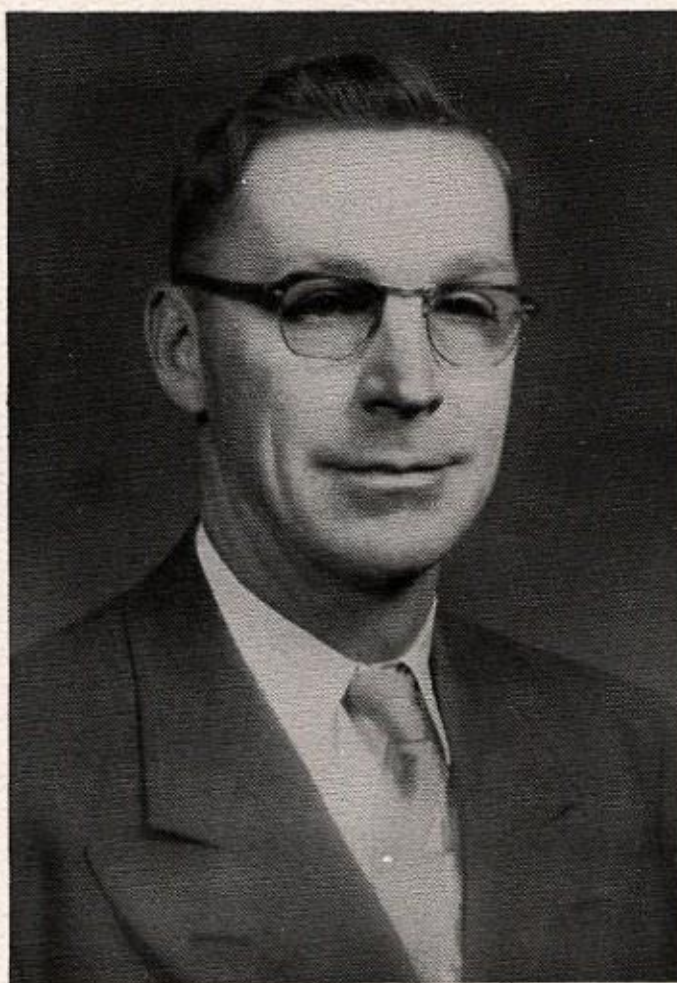
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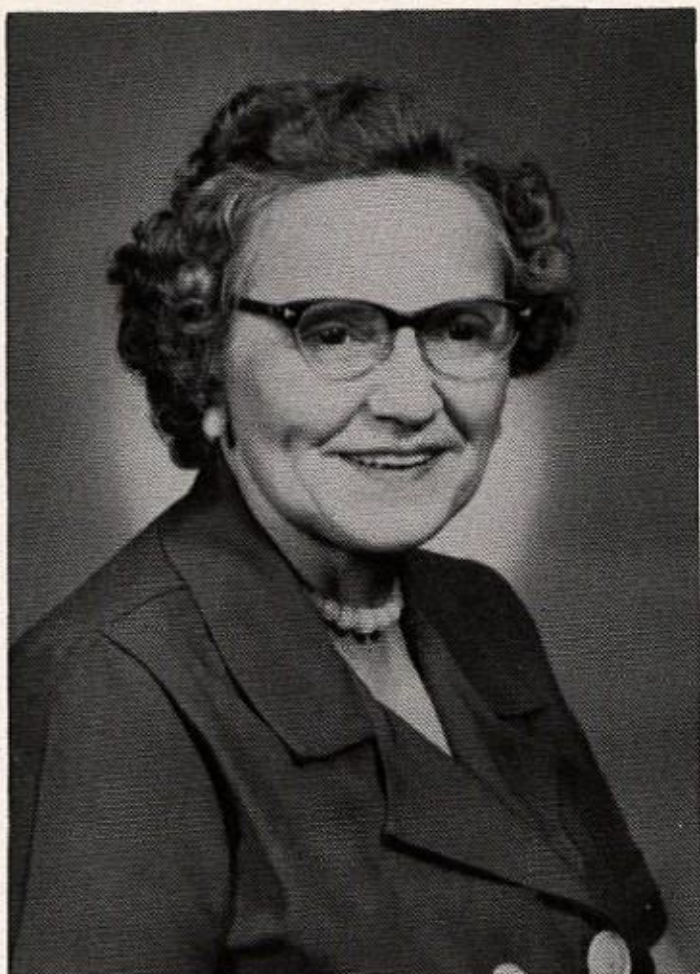
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Miss Vesta Young
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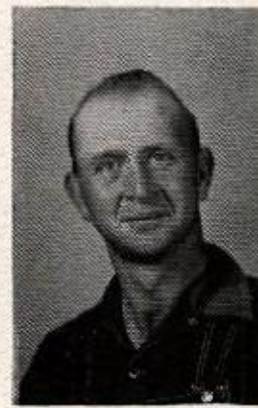
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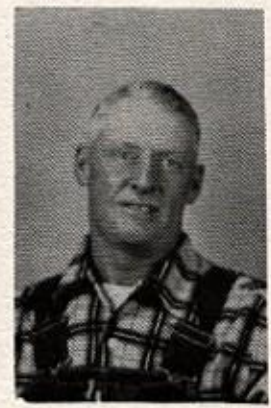
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Parker Charles



James Werneke



John Tuckwiller





Seniors

Senior History

Well, here it is 1955 and the last year for the seniors, and are we glad! But we will miss some of the school fun that we have enjoyed and the classes that we had to Houstonia High.

Only three of the senior class started together in 1943 in the first grade and are completing their twelve years at Houstonia. They are: Lula Belle Baker, Norma Bechtel, and Frank Charles.

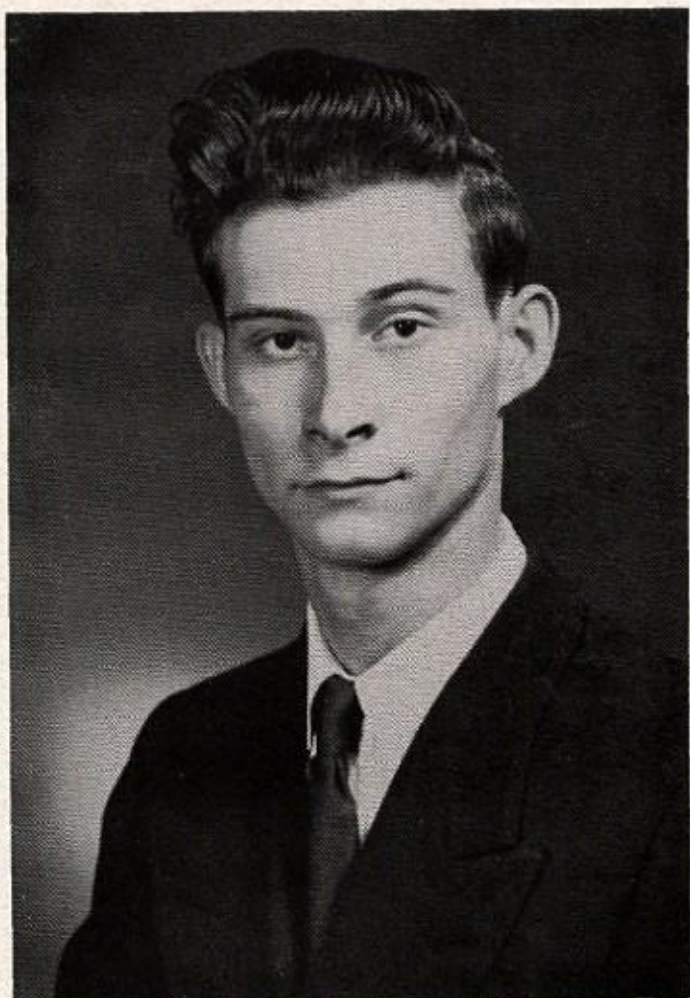
At the beginning of our freshman year there were fourteen very green freshmen who started at H.H.S. They were Lloyd Shireman, Barbara Reid, Judy Dennis, Joyce Hedgpeth, Lula Belle Baker, Mary Sue Lockney, Mary Tuckwiller, Frank Russell Charles, Tiny Gerlt, Norma Bechtel, Charles Walk, Junior Hedgpeth, DeWayne Carver, and Jimmie Reid. We enjoyed our initiation and the party given by the seniors. During the first part of the year Barbara Welch returned from California to finish her schooling at Houstonia. This brought the class enrollment to fifteen. The freshman class had a one-act play directed by Mrs. Lee Blackburn called "It Always Works." Mr. William Guenther was superintendent; Jean Slankard, coach; and Miss Virginia Smith, music and English teacher.

In the sophomore year, we gained Jerry Edwards which made our class enrollment 16. During this year we lost Judy Dennis and Junior Hedgpeth. The boys helped win first place in PBCAA softball. The volleyball girls won second place in PBCAA play. Robert Shearer was the coach of the boys team which won second place in the Sub-Regional at Concordia and entered the Regional Tourney at Warrensburg. Lloyd Shireman and Frank Charles were on this squad. Mrs. S. E. Schilb was added to the faculty.

In the fall of 1953 we started our junior year with Supt. J. E. Sears, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Walter Fricke, Jesse Tevis and Mrs. Lee Blackburn as teachers. DeWayne Carver quit school and Mary Sue Lockney left to get married. We won both boys and girls first-place trophies in softball in PBCAA. The girls won second in volleyball at the Warsaw Tournament. The boys followed by winning second at Warsaw and first in the conference tournament at Green Ridge. We had a pie supper to raise money for the junior-senior trip with the aid of our sponsor, Mrs. Sears. On the trip we went to St. Louis to see the Cardinals play Milwaukee. We also saw a show and visited Forest Park. In March we attended the N A I A tournament in Kansas City at the Municipal Auditorium.

Our final year started out with thirteen members. During this year we lost one member, Lee Ann Edwards. We elected Jerry Edwards as president; Charles Walk as vice-president; Tiny Gerlt as secretary; and Barbara Welch as treasurer. Again we won both firsts in softball in the conference. The girls won first place in volleyball at Warsaw while the boys won consolation honors at Nelson Tournament. One of the big thrills was defeating Hughesville on the night Janice Walk was crown Shamrock queen. The basketball boys won second in the PBCAA Tourney, second in the Sub-Regional at Malta Bend, and have entered the Regional at Warrensburg. Mr. Frederick Lovercamp was the coach of both teams and replaced Jesse Tevis as teacher.

We have sold greeting cards, candy and cookies, and paid class dues to raise money for a trip which we are looking forward to in the spring. Plans are made for a trip to Kansas City next week to the big basketball tournament. The P. T. A. are planning to give a banquet in honor of the teams on April 1. We have chosen white gowns for the girls and blue gowns for the boys for graduation. Now that our high school career is nearly over, some are looking forward to college, some to homemaking, and some are undecided. Best Wishes.



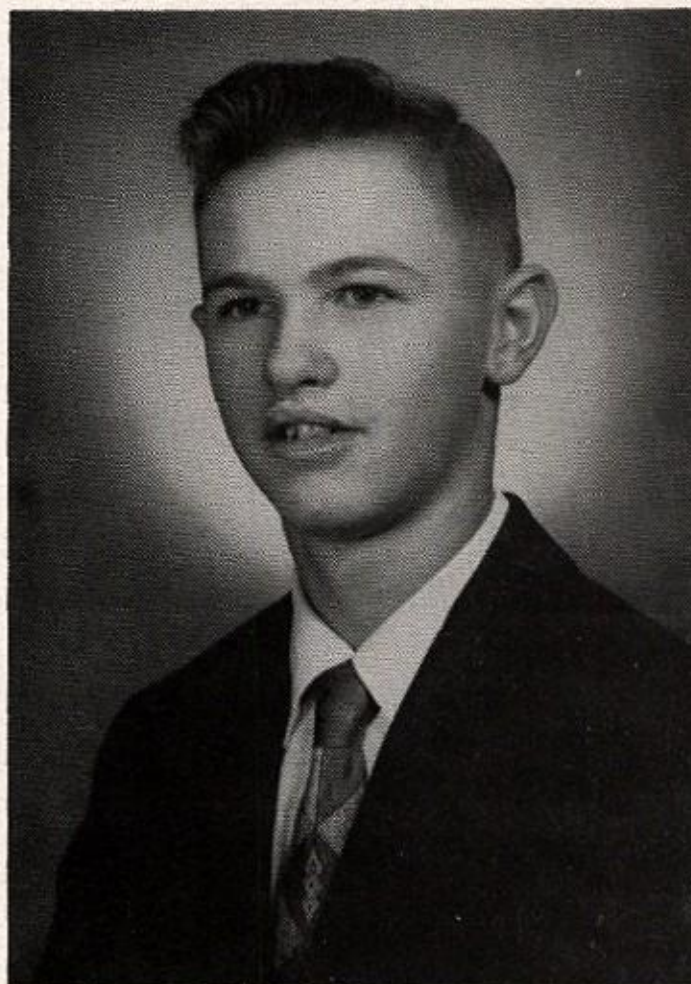
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 Jerry Dean Edwards
 President of Senior Class
 Newspaper Staff 4
 Annual Staff 4



"Tiny"
 Tiny Jewell Gerlt
 Secretary of Senior Class
 Volleyball4
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"Bobbie"
 Barbara Louise Welch
 Treasurer of Senior Class
 Glee Club 2, 3, 4
 Annual Staff 4



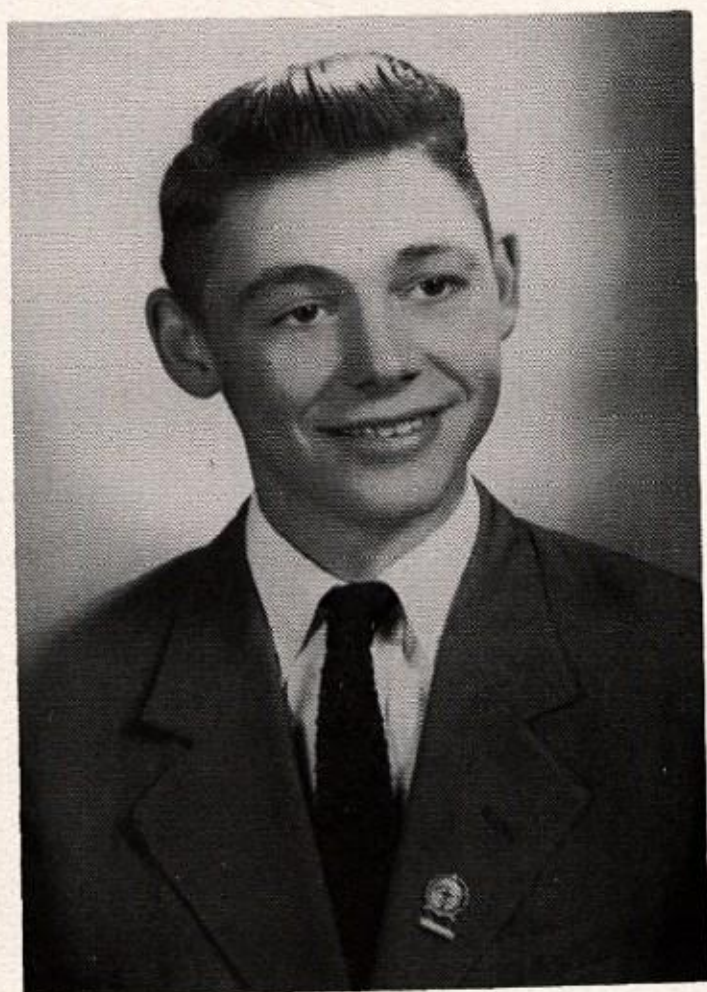
"Charlie"
 Charles Ray Walk
 Vice-Pres. of Senior Class
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 Basketball3, 4



"Belle"
Lula Belle Baker
Softball . . . 1,2,3,4
Volleyball . . 1,2,3,4
Annual Staff 4



"Norm"
Norma Verne Bechtel
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Volleyball . . . 1,2,3,4
Cheerleader 2,3



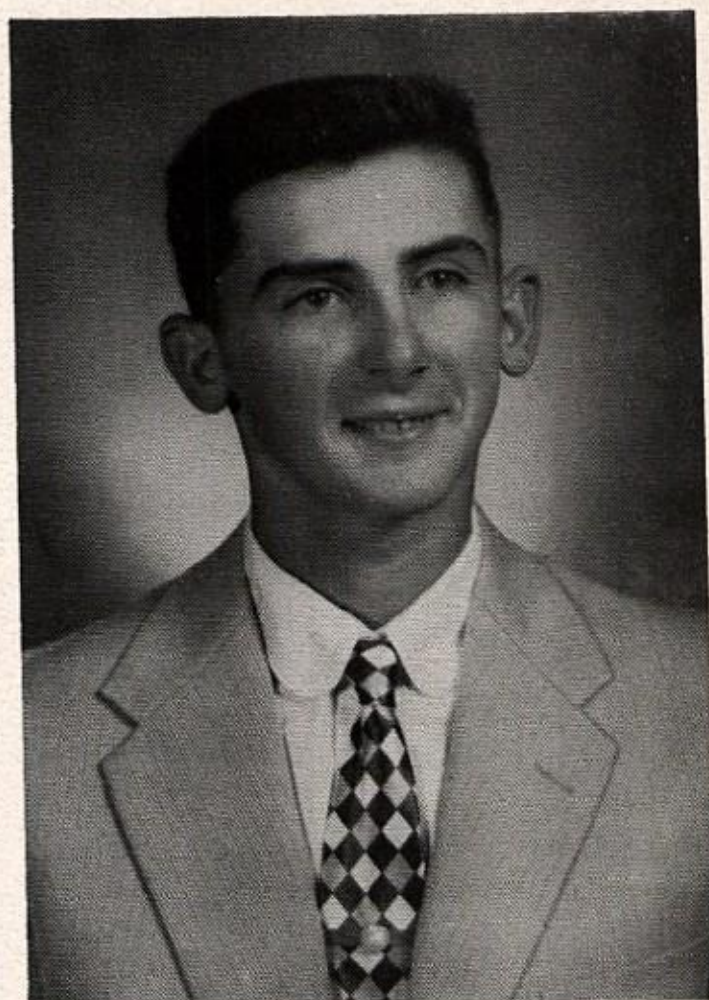
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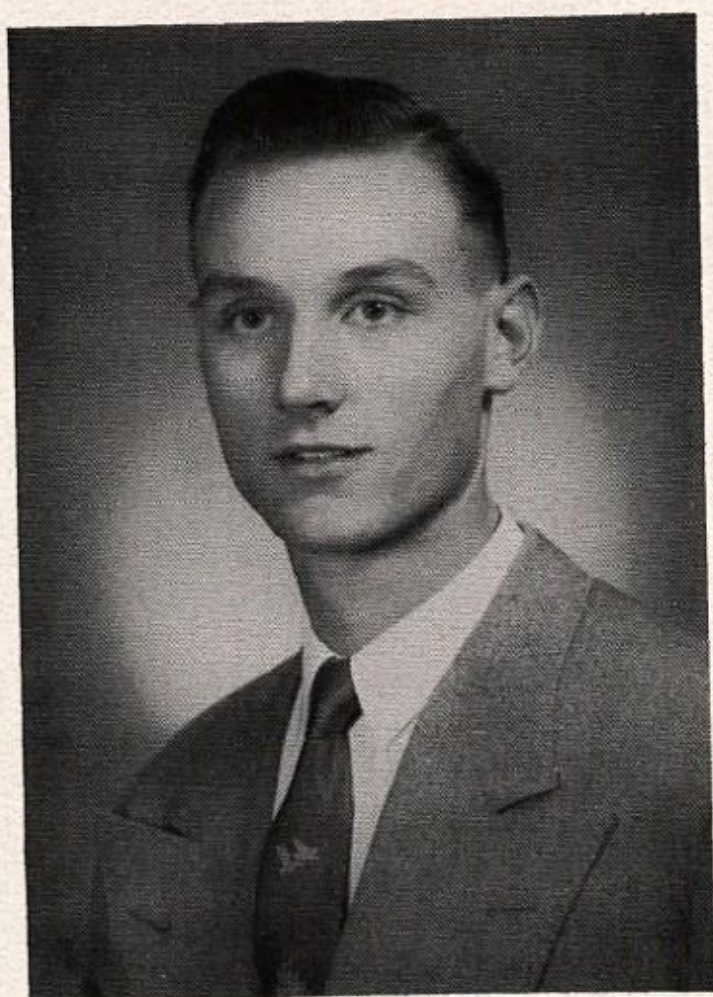
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Volleyball 1,2,3,4
Cheerleader 1,2,3,4



"Jim"
James William Reid
Softball 2,3,4
Basketball 2,3,4
Annual Staff 4



"Skip"
Lloyd Edward Shireman
Softball 2,3,4
Basketball 2,3,4
Annual Staff 4



"Tuckie"
Mary Margaret Tuckwiller
Softball 3,4
Volleyball 1,3,4
Annual Staff 4

Senior Prophecy

"Extra! Extra! Read all about it!"

"Hot-rod Charlie suffers from shock after winning the United States Championship race." Thus, goes the newsboy chant at the corner of Hollywood and Vine in Los Angeles in August of 1975. Details of the story tells of Charles Ray Walk entering City Hospital after winning a grueling 1000 mile hot-rod race.

We decide to call upon Charlie as we knew him in '55 at Houstonia High. His nurse, Norma Bechtel, tells us we will have to wait until tomorrow to visit. But she takes time off to chat about our fellow classmates from H. H. S. Norma corresponds regularly with Lula Belle Baker who is now the wife of a drummer in "Kearney's Momba Band." She is also employed at an office for a trucking firm as secretary.

Norma says too that Frank Russell Charles, known as the world's greatest conservationist, is now one of the big guns in Washington, D.C. He is very ably assisted by Lloyd Shireman who manages very well with his ever-present helpmate, Barbara Anne Reid.

After this brief chat with Nurse Bechtel, we stroll into a nearby cafe, the famous "Brown Derby" for lunch, and who should call for our order, but waitress Tiny Gerlt. Tiny has enjoyed living in many parts of the United States in her job of waitress at many of the better-known eating establishments. Tiny reports that in an adjoining room reserved for special occasions Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hemme of Sweet Springs are celebrating their twentieth anniversary. Mrs. Hemme is the former Barbara Welch. With them on this happy event are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards run a private school for children of the Hollywood stars and four of their own little grandchildren. Tiny says that all that are left in the Houstonia neighborhood are Jimmie Reid, Mary Tuckwiller, and Joyce Charles.

Joyce and her husband Raymond Charles are living near Houstonia, where Raymond owns a garage. Joyce is busily keeping house and caring for her three children who attending Houstonia High School.

Mary Tuckwiller, who makes tours all over the world, is now vacationing at her home near Houstonia. Mary just finished making her tour to Europe to speak on the subject of "Problems of Child Care." Her hobby is trying to improve on her jet-propelled auto which she drives speedily from one part of the United States to another.

Jimmie Reid who owns the "Reid Hampshire Farm" is busily caring for his hogs and his wife, Betty, and daughter, who is attending Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri. Jimmie owns the largest hog ranch ever known to be.

Class Motto: "We have reached the starting point; our goal is still ahead---Not for Ourselves, but for Others."

Class Flower: Red Rose

Class Colors: Blue and Silver

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Lee Blackburn



Senior Class Will

We, the 1955 Seniors of H H S, of the city of Houstonia, county of Pettis, and state of Missouri, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament:

Charles Walk wills his muscular build to Danny Kearney and his car to Everett Lee Blackburn.

Jerry Edwards wills his poor typing to Anna Gertrude Charles and his ability to study to the coming freshmen.

Joyce Charles wills her title of Mrs. to Frances Norfleet and her giggle to Betty Jo Reid.

Jimmy Reid wills his noisy way to Glendola Gerlt and his ability to play basketball to Buddy Kinder.

Barbara Welch wills her ability to get in trouble in class to her sister Goldie and locker No. 31 to a needy freshman.

Lloyd Shireman wills his basketball suit to the future team and his innocent look to the future American history class.

Frank Charles wills his class ring to Elaine Lowrey and his mischievous ways to David Harris.

Mary Tuckwiller wills her job as sports writer to Vonnice Bratton and her dignified air as a senior to Marlene Carver.

Barbara Reid wills one-half of a seat on the bus on ball trips to Alice Tuckwiller with the hope that she can find a good-looking boy to occupy the other half. She also leaves her cheerleading megaphone to some noisy freshman.

Tiny Gerlt wills her job as a waitress to anyone who wants to work hard and her place on the newspaper staff to some unlucky senior of 1956.

Lula Belle Baker wills her false teeth to Goldie Welch and her ways with the boys to Shirley Martin.

Norma Bechtel wills her "Chevie" to Janie Morris (Please drive it carefully, Janie) and her "interest" in horses to someone who is more interested.

To the seniors of 1956 we will all unsold greeting cards and a free hand in publishing The Houstonian and The Shamrock.

To the sophomores and juniors of 1956 we leave six volleyball suits and four basketball suits hoping that they may wear them as proudly as we did.

To the freshmen we will a goal of graduation in 1960. May their years be as pleasant and happy as ours have been at Houstonia High.

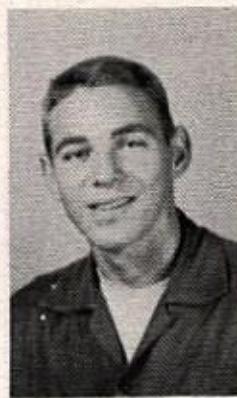




Juniors



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Secretary



Treasurer

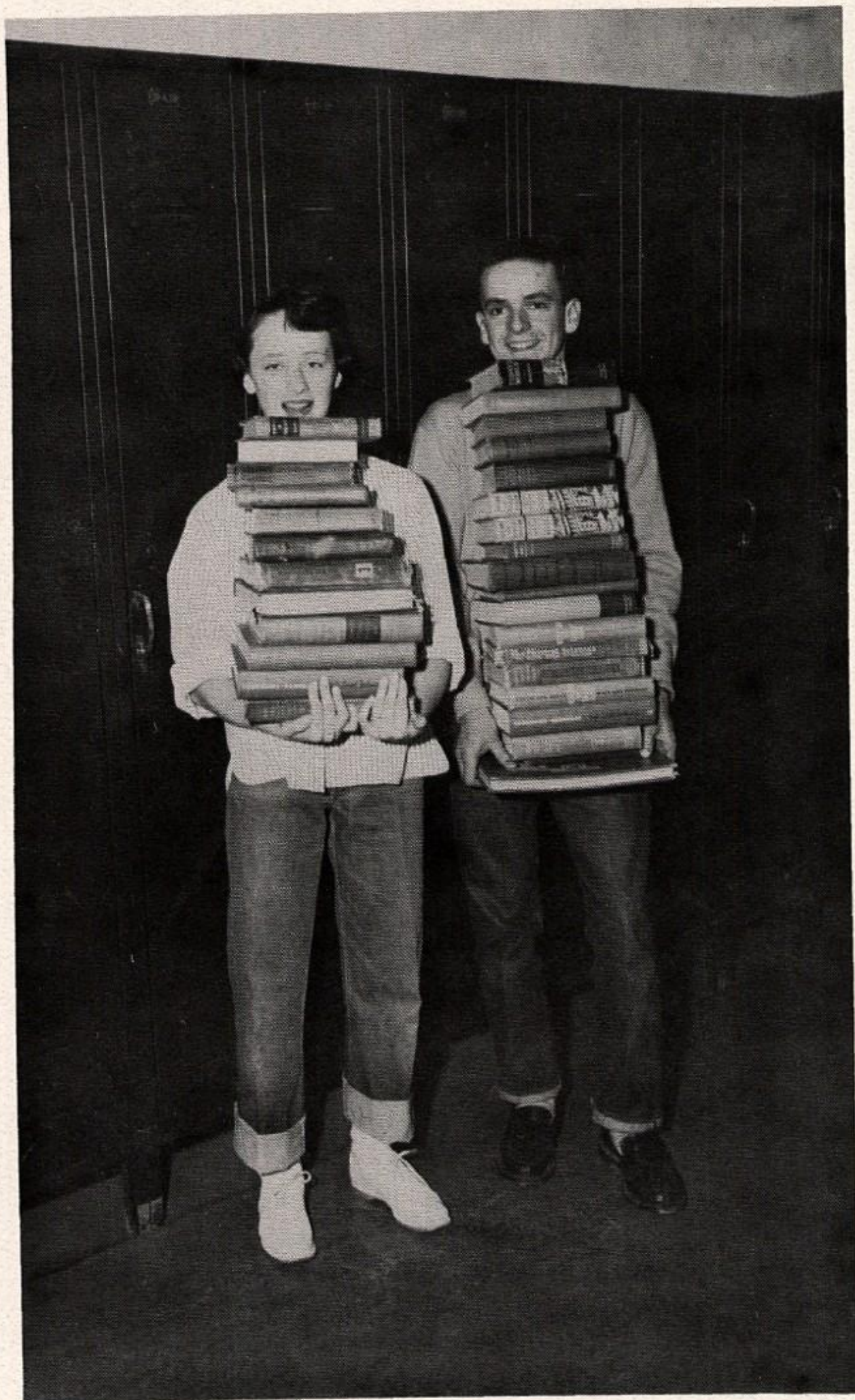


Top Row, left to right: Frances Norfleet, Danny Kearney, Vonnie Bratton, Richard Rayl.

Second Row: Robert Ryken, Marlene Carver, Charles Anderson, Goldie Welch.

Third Row: Shirley Martin, Fred Borchers, Erma Patterson, Leah Rae Collister.

Bottom Row: Pepper Messer, Patty Lou Wicker.



Underclassmen



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Top row, left to right: Elma Jane Morris, Raymond Simmons, Virginia Walk, Anna Charles, Charles Kinder.

Second Row: James Phillips, Virginia Schondelmeyer, Darlene Cornine, Judy Schuler, David Harris, Betty Jo Reid

Third Row: Jean Mitchell, George Goetz, Mary K. Hayes, Robert Walker, Maxine Patterson.



FRESHMAN

CLASS



Top row, left to right: Carolyn Bratton, Marjorie Wagner, Everett Blackburn, Janice Walk, Glendola Gerlt.

Second row: Alice Tuckwiller, Lilly Reid, Elaine Lowrey, Cornelia Welch.



Grades



Top row left to right: Albert Dial, Betty L. Dillon, John Fitzgerald, John W. Smiley, Jean Messer, Marilyn Reid

Second row: Otho Carver, Elva Faye Charles, Mary Schuler, Donald Simmons, Jerald Hedgpeth, Larry Pummill

Third Row: Joe Blackburn, Fred Werneke, Ray Dean Haley, Frank Tuck, Virginia McCorkle, Gordon Morris

Fourth row: Alan Schuler, William Patterson, Marilyn Carver, Gail Crosswhite, Lydia Alexander, Albert Dillon

Fifth row: Pamela Shireman



Top row left to right: Robert Gregory, David McCorkle, Mary Lee Blackburn, Donna Sue Neef, Tommy Reid, David Slaybaugh

Second row: Carroll Dillon, Shirley Taylor, Johnnie Ray Fluty, Carolyn Morris, Darrell Dillon, Jimmy Woods

Third row: Archie Shireman, Joan Detraz, Melvin Lockney, Tommy Hedgpeth, Patricia Ryken, Clarence Allen Charles

Bottom row: Charles Tuckwiller, Jeannie Tuck, Richard Cramer

GRADES FIVE AND SIX



GRADES THREE AND FOUR

Top Row, left to right: Emma Jean Hedgpeth, Robert Allen Sevier, Ruth Ann Wood, Roger Fitzgerald.

Second Row, left to right: David Shireman, Shirley Schouten, Gary Detraz, Melvin Phillips, Virginia Gerlt.

Third Row, left to right: Maurice Patterson, Marilyn Smiley, John Charles, Patty Jo Simmons, Clarence Allen Charles.

Fourth Row, left to right: Gene Cramer, Eldon Kreisel, Sandra Evans, Dennis Patterson, Donald Pummill.



GRADES ONE AND TWO

First Row: Susanne Smiley, Thomas Fluty, Mary Ann Dillon, George Lee Reynolds, Jr., Mary Ellen Charles.

Second Row: Margaret Stockhurst, James Rissler, Catherine Reid, Jack Dillon, Linda Hartman.

Third Row: Jean Pummill, Terry Pummill, Ruth Ann Robb, Samuel Schouten, John Schouten.

Fourth Row: Charles McCorkle, Jimmy Werneke, Gloria Doyle, Roger Ford, Robert Blackburn.

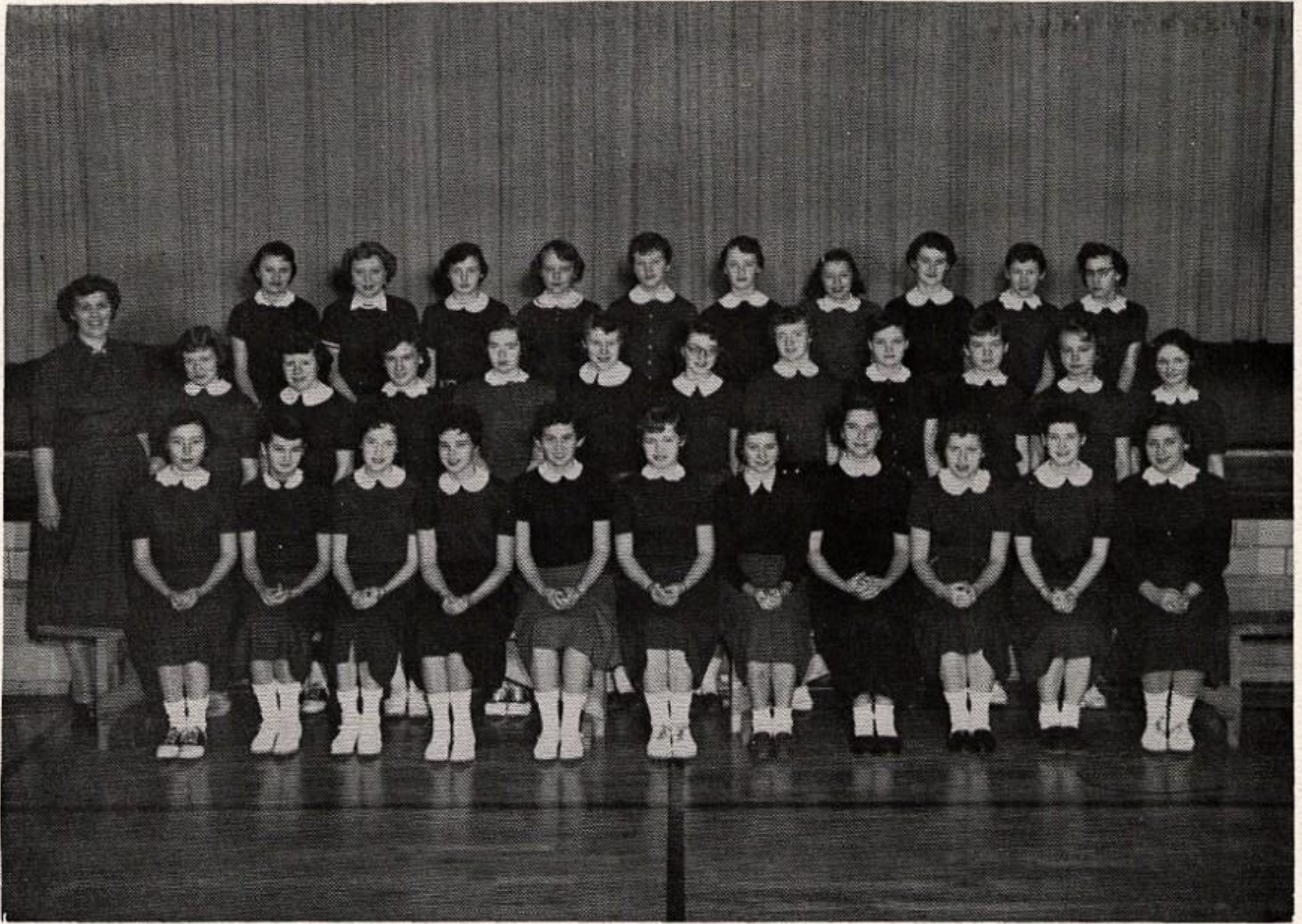
Fifth Row: Estel Evans, Tommy McKinzie, Barbara Hazel, Richard Grant, Terry Bales.



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HOME ECONOMICS II



Music





Annual Staff

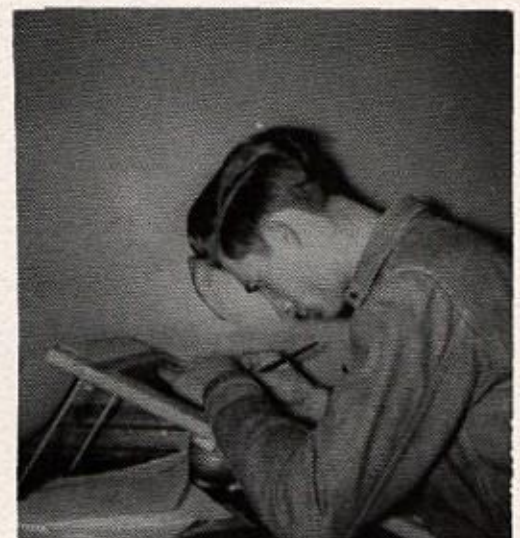
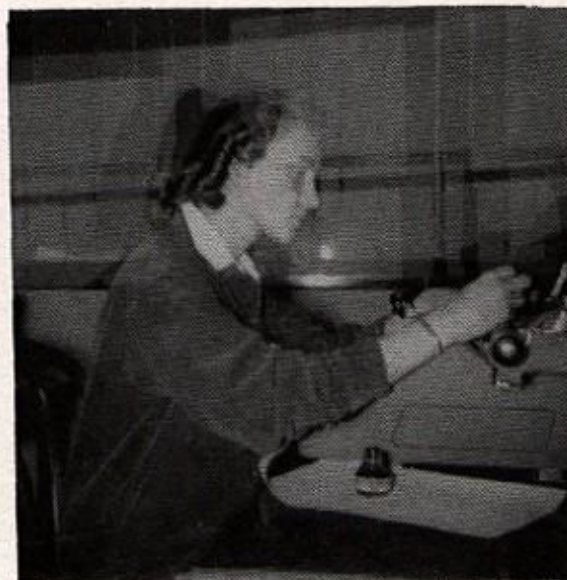
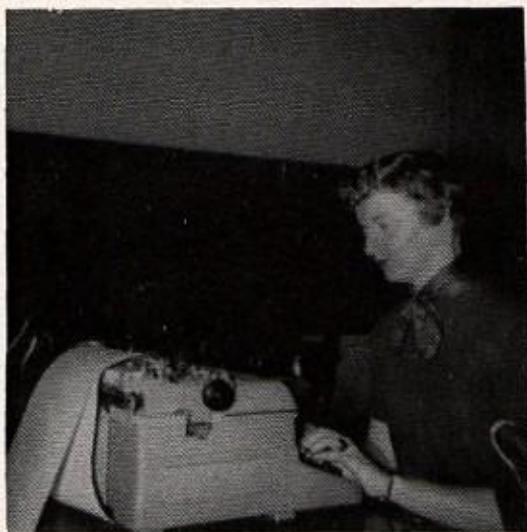
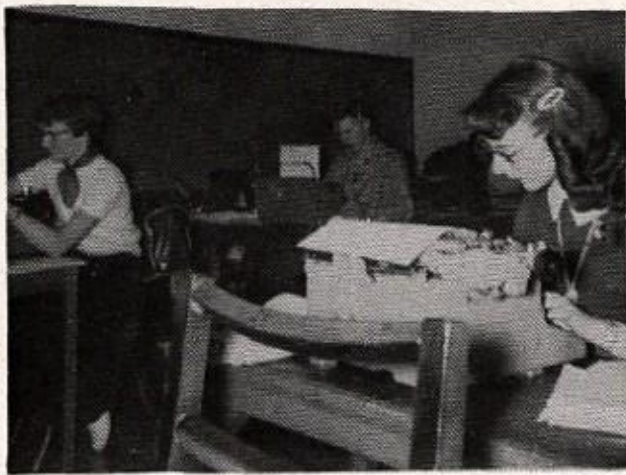
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Assistant	Tiny Gerlt
Advertising Manager	Charles Walk
Assistant	Lloyd Shireman
Business Manager	James Reid
Assistant	Barbara Welch
Sports Editors	Barbara Reid and Frank Charles
Senior Editor	Jerry Edwards
Photography	Norma Bechtel and Charles Walk

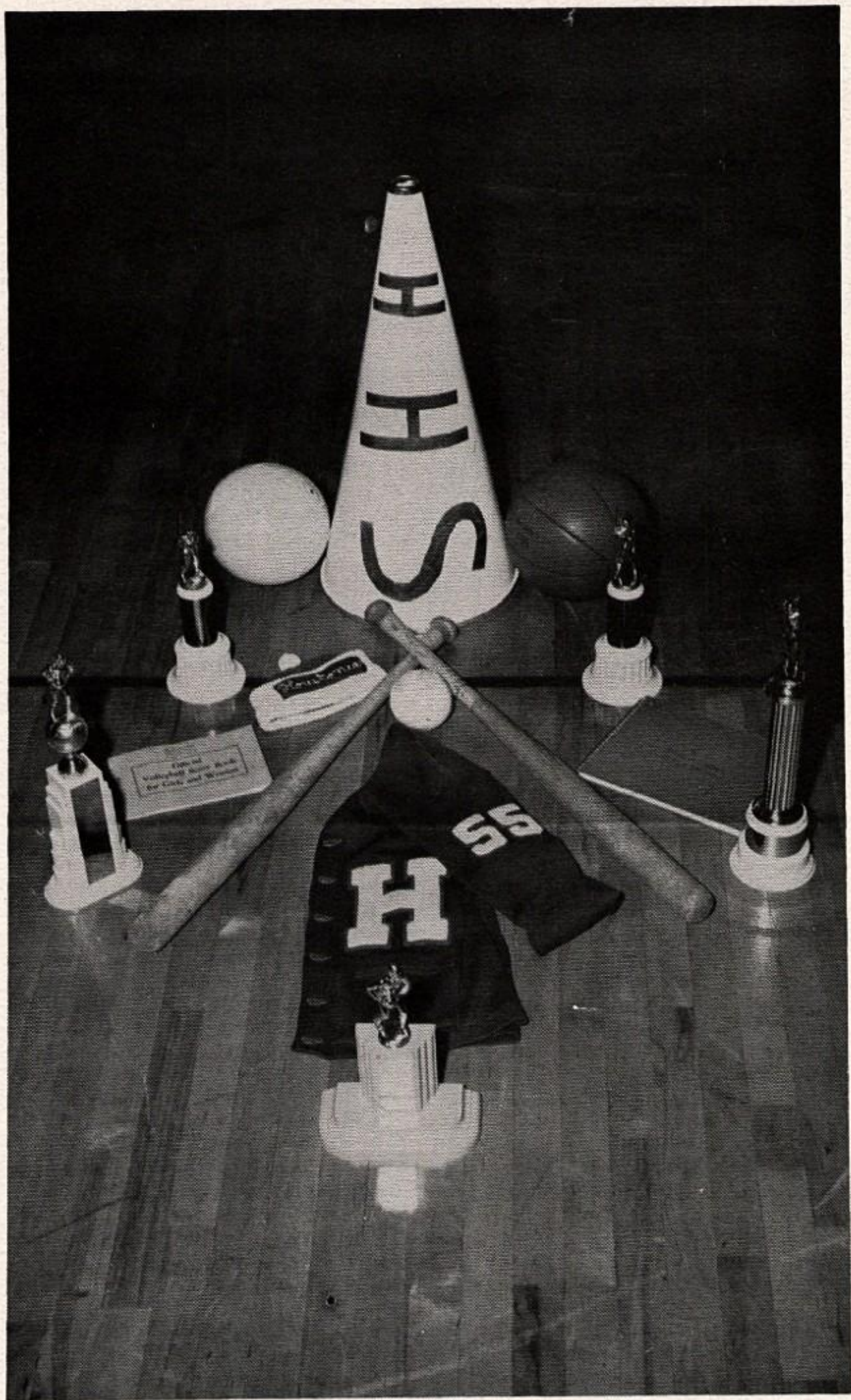
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Lloyd Shireman

Newspaper Staff





Athletics



Soft Ball Teams



Softball Scores

In the fall of 1954 the Houstonia Boys and Girls again won the P B C A A Softball Championships. This was the third first for the boys and the girls. The tournament scores were:

Girls				Boys			
Lincoln	2	Houstonia	3	Lincoln	0	Houstonia	3
Smithton	2	Houstonia	6	Green Ridge	1	Houstonia	8
Hughesville	0	Houstonia	2	Cole Camp	10	Houstonia	13

In the five practice games the Shamrocks scores were:

Girls				Boys			
Hughesville	1	Houstonia	2	Hughesville	26	Houstonia	3
Sacred Heart	3	Houstonia	18	Sacred Heart	10	Houstonia	23
Green Ridge	0	Houstonia	29	Green Ridge	7	Houstonia	10
LaMonte	1	Houstonia	17	LaMonte	6	Houstonia	21
Green Ridge	8	Houstonia	25	Green Ridge	6	Houstonia	7

Volleyball

The record for the entire season stands at 13 won and 6 lost.

The Shamrocks added another nice trophy to the collection by bringing home first place from the Warsaw Invitational were in November.

The scores from the other 16 games are as follows:

		We-They		At
Oct.	29	Town & Country	29 21	Home
Nov.	12	Sacred Heart	34 13	Home
Nov.	30	Green Ridge	20 24	Green Ridge
Dec.	3	Warsaw	70 9	Home
Dec.	16	Cole Camp	15 27	Cole Camp
Dec.	21	LaMonte	33 12	Home
Jan.	7	Lincoln	25 14	Lincoln
Jan.	11	Hughesville	12 16	Hughesville
Jan.	14	LaMonte	30 15	LaMonte
Jan.	18	Green Ridge	35 13	Green Ridge
Jan.	21	Smithton	20 23	Smithton
Jan.	25	Sacred Heart	35 8	Sacred Heart
Jan.	31	Warsaw	52 9	Green Ridge Tourney
Feb.	3	Cole Camp	13 22	Green Ridge Tourney
Feb.	4	Green Ridge	14 21	Green Ridge Tourney
Feb.	11	Hughesville	19 17	Home

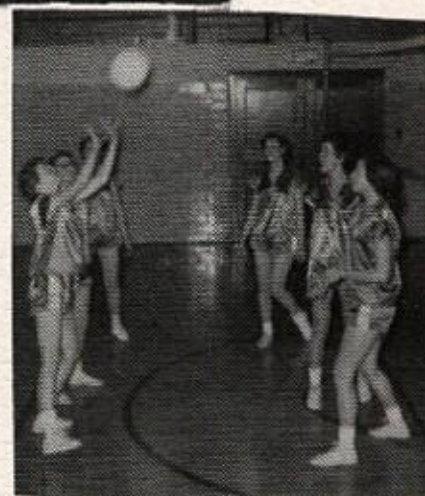
The climax was reached by defeating Hughesville girls in the last game of the season.



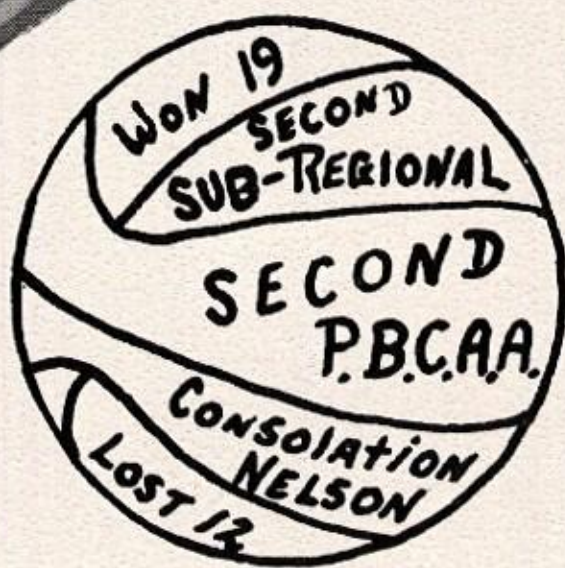
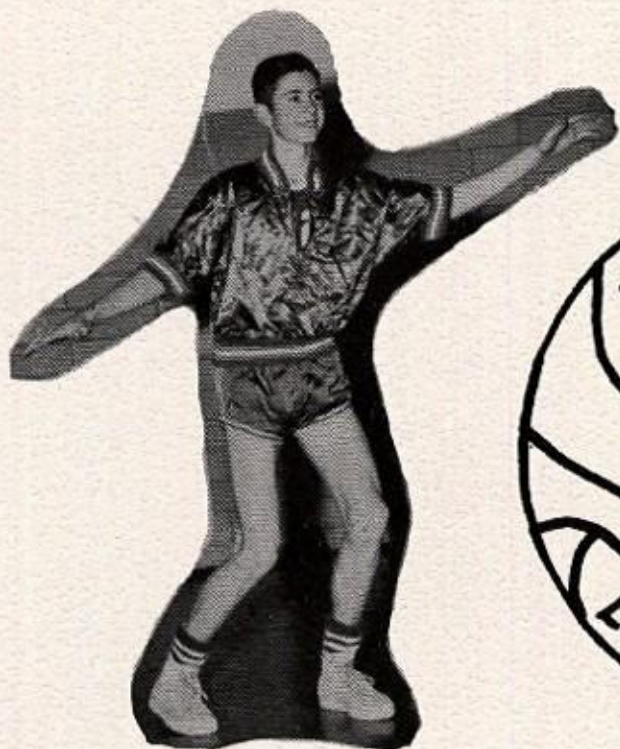
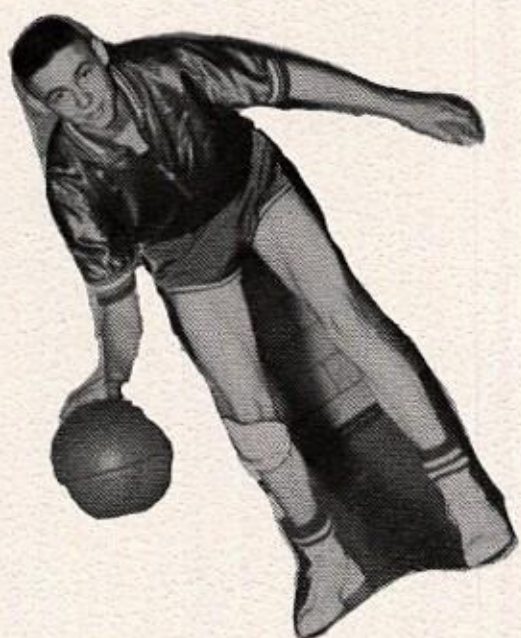


Girls Team











<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>SCORE</u> We-They	<u>WHERE PLAYED</u>
Nov. 2	Sweet Springs	53-60	Home
Nov. 12	Sacred Heart	59-44	Home
Nov. 16	Pilot Grove	51-69	Nelson Tourney
Nov. 18	Blackburn	63-51	Nelson Tourney
Nov. 19	Malta Bend	50-49	Nelson Tourney
Nov. 20	Pilot Grove	74-66	Nelson Tourney
Nov. 30	Green Ridge	50-47	Green Ridge
Dec. 3	Warsaw	69-54	Home
Dec. 8	Jamestown	66-85	Tipton Tourney
Dec. 10	Clarksburg	77-59	Tipton Tourney
Dec. 11	St. Peter	65-72	Tipton Tourney
Dec. 14	Otterville	89-44	Home
Dec. 17	Cole Camp	72-50	Cole Camp
Dec. 21	La Monte	61-56	Home
Dec. 4	Otterville	43-39	Otterville
Jan. 7	Lincoln	54-55	Lincoln
Jan. 11	Hughesville	37-45	Hughesville
Jan. 14	La Monte	53-56	La Monte
Jan. 18	Green Ridge	76-55	Home
Jan. 21	Smithton	62-35	Smithton
Jan. 25	Sacred Heart	37-45	Sacred Heart
Jan. 31	Cole Camp	56-42	PBCAA Tourney
Feb. 2	Lincoln	58-56	PBCAA Tourney
Feb. 5	Hughesville	38-45	PBCAA Tourney
Feb. 8	Blackburn	78-59	Home
Feb. 11	Hughesville	44-51	Home
Feb. 15	Sweet Springs	77-85	Sweet Springs
Feb. 22	Corder	72-51	Sub-Regional
Feb. 24	Santa Fe	53-50	Sub-Regional
Feb. 25	Concordia	54-50	Sub-Regional
Feb. 26	Knob Noster	47-59	Sub-Regional

TOTAL TEAM POINTS

1943	Houstonia	Average Per Game	59.45
1684	Opponents	Average Per Game	54.32

159--More than Opponents

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Lloyd Shireman.....	816
Frank Charles.....	329
Jimmy Reid.....	267
Charles Walk.....	201
Pepper Messer.....	130
Bobby Walker.....	62
Richard Rayle.....	22
David Harris.....	12
Fred Borchers.....	4
Danny Kearney.....	0

SHAMROCK PLAY BUTLER IN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT AT WARRENSBURG

By winning the runner-up spot in the State Sub-Regional Basketball Tournament at Malta Bend, the Shamrocks were entitled to play in the State Regional Tournament at Warrensburg. They drew Butler, the fourth seeded team, for the first game and were defeated by a 76-65 score. The boys displayed a fine show of floor play and sportmanship but were outmanned by a strong Butler team. Although the boys lost their first game in the Regional, they were one of the last 64 teams of the state to be eliminated which started with a field of 555 Class B schools going into the subregionals which finally ends with the State Tournament at Cape Girardeau.

Box Scores

Houstonia	FG	FT	F	TP	Butler	FG	FT	F	TP
Shireman	16	3	5	35	Gardner	6	2	2	14
Walker	0	0	2	0	Miller	3	2	5	8
Charles	4	3	2	11	Kenney	0	0	1	0
Reid	4	7	1	15	Brasfield	4	2	2	10
Walk	1	2	4	4	Beckham	1	0	0	2
Rayl	0	0	1	0	McMurphy	0	0	1	0
					Robert	12	10	0	34
					Burris	2	4	0	8
					Hausen	0	0	1	0



The squad

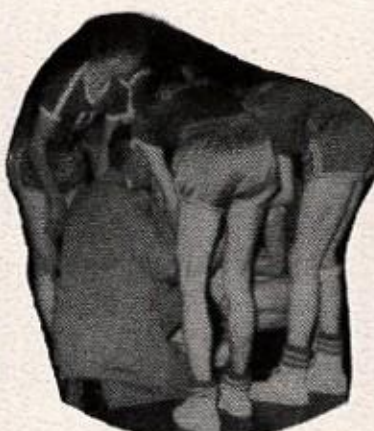


2nd Place



Bright Victory

At the half



Time out

Going to the regional



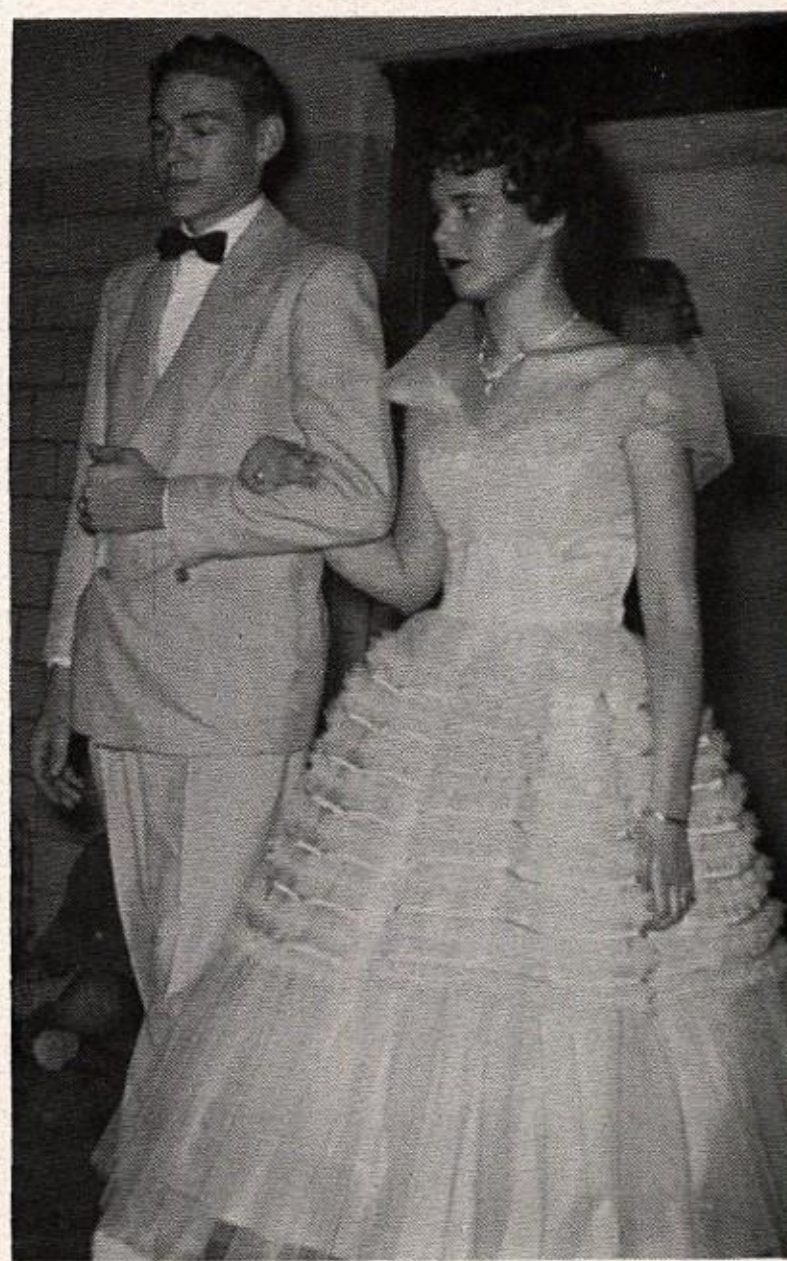
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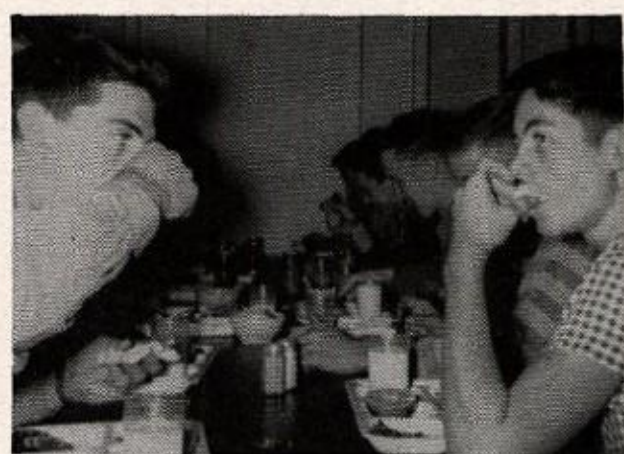
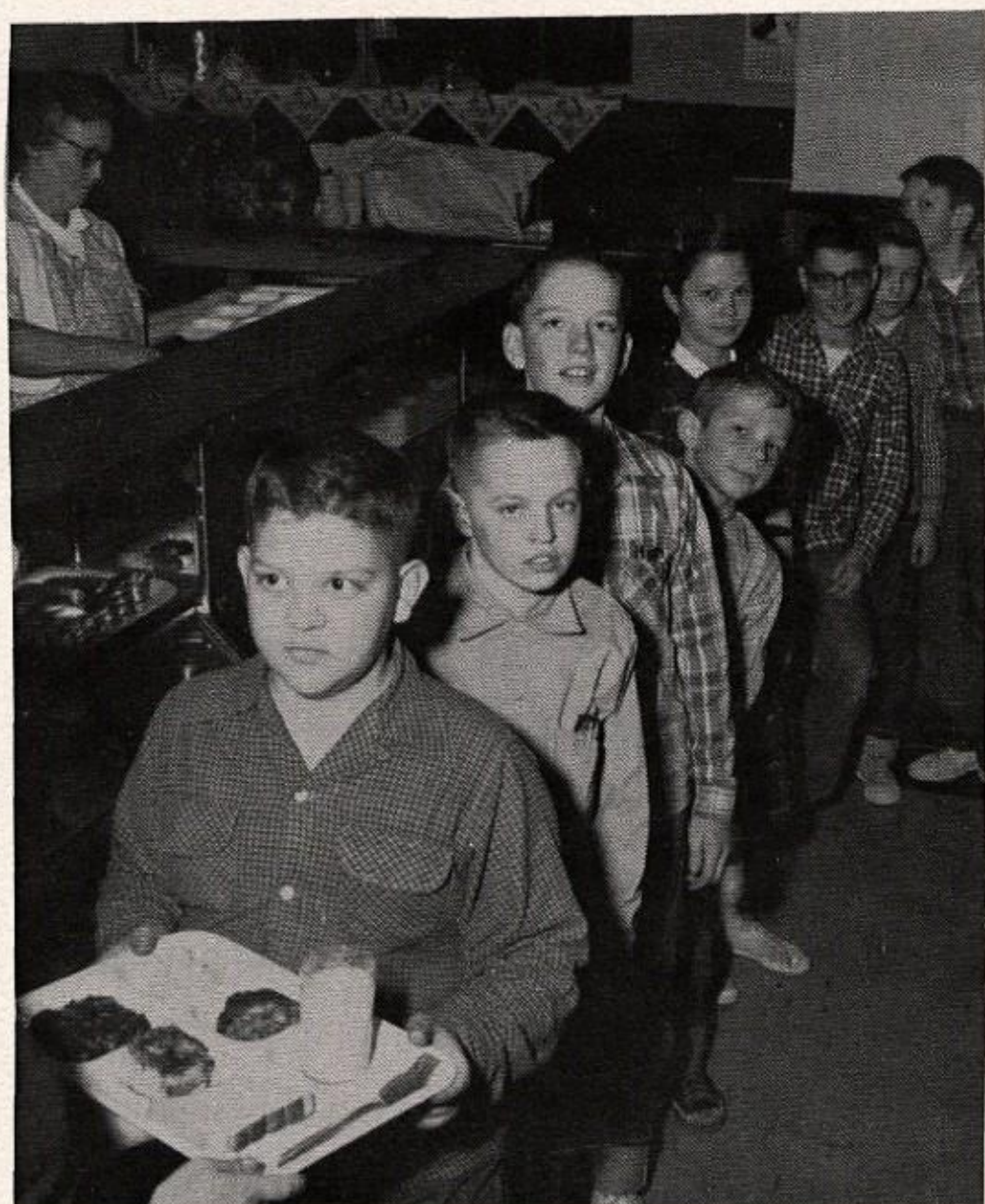


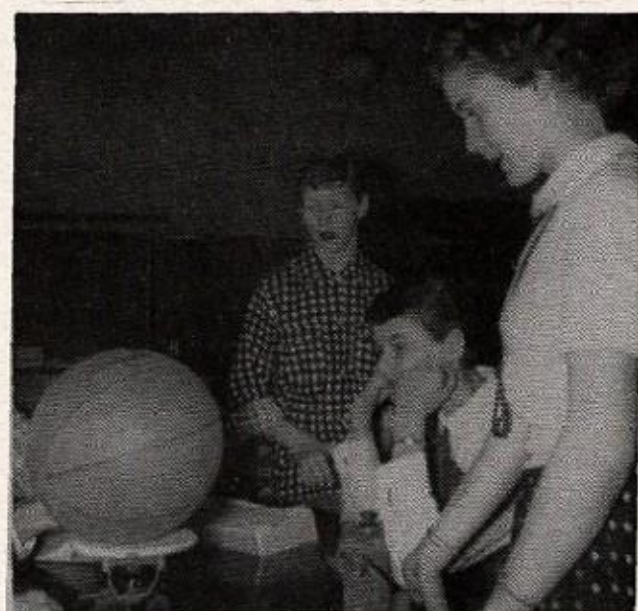
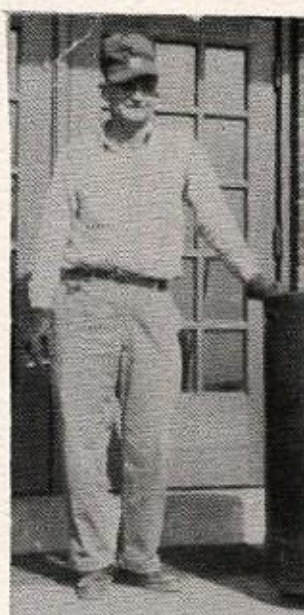
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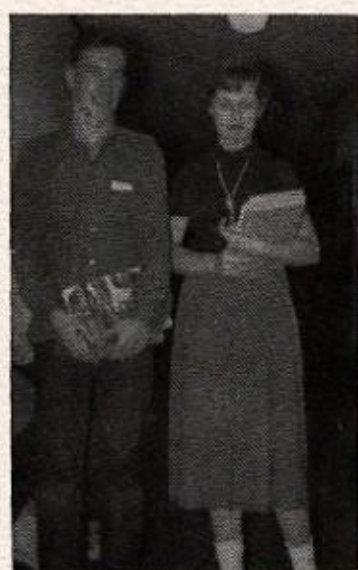


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